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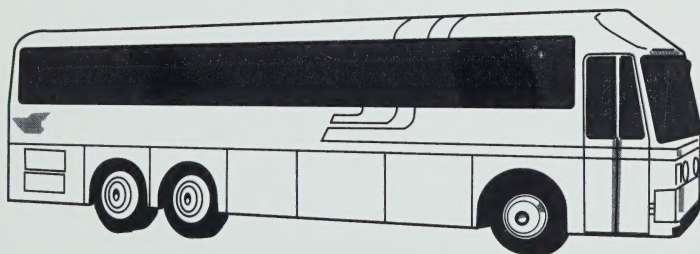
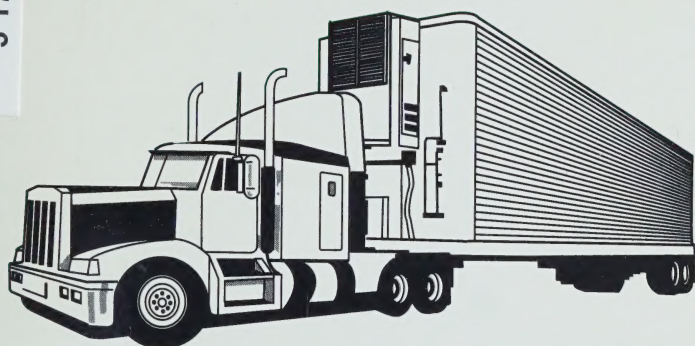
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MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE

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This brochure contains useful information for Truck and Bus
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INTRODUCTION

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation is the focal point for the development, evaluation and delivery of the province's transportation policies and programs.

The purpose of the ministry is to help achieve mobility of people and goods in Ontario by assuring access to transportation systems and services which contribute to economic growth and which are safe, dependable, effective, efficient and environmentally acceptable.

Trucking is a major contributor to Ontario's economic strength, employment and social development. It employs in excess of 300,000 men and women in Ontario and accounts for 11 per cent of Ontario's gross provincial product.

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY SAFETY

Safety on Ontario's roads and highways is a fundamental priority of the Ministry of Transportation.

Every driver and every vehicle operator in Ontario shares this responsibility. Every vehicle must be driven and maintained in a manner that will ensure driver, passenger and pedestrian safety.

Commercial vehicles -- trucks, trailers and buses - are a prominent and significant component of Ontario's highway users. The operators of these vehicles have a particularly important contribution to make to highway safety. Vehicles operate throughout the year on every type of road and in all kinds of driving conditions. Drivers must be qualified in handling and manoeuvring large and heavy vehicles and in delivering their passengers and cargo safely to their destinations. Maintenance personnel are trained in keeping the mechanical systems of today's trucks and buses in acceptable working condition. It is essential that this critical sector of Ontario's economy continues to achieve the high safety standards it has demonstrated over the years.

This booklet outlines Ontario's requirements for the transportation industry. It also contains telephone numbers and agency contacts so that your specific questions may be answered.

ON-HIGHWAY OPERATIONS

All persons responsible for the operation of commercial vehicles on the road, including trucks, buses, tractors and trailers must comply with minimum performance standard commonly known as the **NATIONAL SAFETY CODE**.

A brief description of these standards follows. For more detail refer to the "National Safety Code - Truck & Bus" package available from any Ministry District Office. (See list on pages 12 and 13).

SINGLE DRIVER'S LICENCE CONCEPT

Every driver must have only one valid driver's licence in their possession that matches the type of vehicle being driven unless the second licence is a motorcycle learner's permit or a licence that is required and issued by another province or state.

DRIVER TESTING

Every person who applies for a driver's licence must show an understanding of the signs and rules of the road and demonstrate an ability to drive the type of vehicle for the class of licence requested.

CLASSIFIED DRIVER'S LICENCE

Ontario's drivers' licences are classified according to the type of vehicle to be driven. A person must pass knowledge and driving tests and must meet certain age and medical criteria in order to obtain a particular licence.

DRIVER CERTIFICATION

An Ontario based operator who employs drivers and has a fleet of at least ten (10) vehicles may train and test its own employees and certify they qualify for renewed or upgraded licences provided the operator is approved by the ministry as a recognized authority.

MEDICAL STANDARDS

When applying for a classified driver's licence, all truck and bus drivers must meet certain medical and vision criteria on a cyclical basis. Bus drivers must also meet specific hearing standards on a cyclical basis.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OPERATOR'S REGISTRATION (CVOR)

Operators of trucks with a registered gross weight over 4,500 kg or buses with a seating capacity of 10 or more must complete an application to obtain, at no cost, a CVOR certificate. An original or true copy must be carried in every truck or bus.

Each operator is held responsible for its driver's behaviour, vehicle operation and condition and compliance with highway-related legislative requirements.

All convictions registered against an operator and all of the operator's safety detentions, accidents and defaulted fines are recorded on the operator's computerized CVOR file. When a certain number of convictions -- depending on the operator's fleet size is recorded the operator will be subject to progressive disciplinary measures.

Initially a warning letter is sent. If additional convictions are recorded, the operator may be called in for a (face to face) interview. Finally, if the unsatisfactory performance persists, the operator could be subject to sanctions such as fleet restrictions or suspension of their privilege to operate trucks or buses on Ontario's highways on a temporary or permanent basis.

HOURS OF WORK

In order to minimize the incidence of fatigue and to reduce accidents, drivers are limited to the number of hours they can drive. All truck and bus drivers and operators must arrange their schedules to comply with the hours of work requirements. Some exceptions do apply.

Drivers must make daily written logs or possess an on-board device approved by the Ministry to record and display their duty status.

LOAD SECURITY

Load security and covering requirements are very important to those who operate truck or trailer equipment. Loads must be covered or secured so that no portion of the load may become dislodged or fall from the motor vehicle or trailer.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Truck or bus operators must ensure that all vehicles and trailers for which they are responsible meet the required maintenance and performance standards. Additionally, operators must have a system in place to inspect, maintain and repair each vehicle at regular intervals.

CVSA ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) is an association of most North American jurisdictions and states responsible for the development of uniform on-highway driver and vehicle standards. These standards are applied in Ontario during roadside inspections.

During an inspection, the vehicle will be checked to determine if the mechanical components are defect free, the load is secure and the driver's documents are in order. When the vehicle is found to be defect free then a CVSA decal is affixed.

TRIP INSPECTION

Unless exempt, a driver is required to ensure his/her vehicle is inspected before the first trip of the day to ensure all safety components meet minimum standards. A written report may be required and all defects must be reported and repaired if they do not meet the standards.

The operator must ensure that those defects reported by the driver are repaired.

A copy of the report must be carried and produced upon request. A copy of the report is given to the operator.

FACILITY AUDITS

The purpose of a facility audit is to ensure monitor compliance with Ontario's applicable laws. The ministry's safety inspectors conduct these audits at the operator's principal place of business and ensure that the required records and systems applicable to its operation, employees and vehicles are in place.

In addition to the National Safety Code standards, the audit also covers compliance with insurance requirements, pro-rated vehicle registration (CAVR) and specified terms of operating authorities where applicable. These subject areas are addressed later in this publication.

TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations prescribe safety standards and requirements for persons involved in the on-highway transportation of dangerous goods. The regulations provide a mechanism for communicating the relative degree and nature of hazard associated with these goods. Thus, each consignment of dangerous goods must be accompanied by the following while being transported on an Ontario highway: proper documentation or shipping papers that contain specific information as well as the appropriate safety marks -- labels on packages and small containers and placards on the vehicle. Canadian drivers must carry a valid Certificate of Training issued by their current employer.

Certain hazardous materials are prohibited on the Ambassador Bridge at Windsor and through the Detroit Windsor tunnel. For more information:

AMBASSADOR BRIDGE

DETROIT INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMPANY
P.O. BOX 32666
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48232
TEL: 313-496-1166

DETROIT & CANADA TUNNEL
CORPORATION
160 E. JEFFERSON
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226
TEL: 519-256-2451

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the National Safety Code there are other requirements that must be met. A brief description of each subject area is provided.

MAXIMUM VEHICLE DIMENSIONS

WIDTH	2.60 METRES (8 ft 6 in)
HEIGHT	4.15 METRES (13 ft 6 in)
LENGTH OF SEMI-TRAILER (INCLUDING LOAD)	14.65 METRES (48 ft)
LENGTH OF COMBINATION OF TRUCK AND SEMI-TRAILER WITH OR WITHOUT LOAD	23.0 METRES (75 ft 6 in)
LENGTH OF A BUS/STRAIGHT TRUCK	12.5 METRES (41 ft)

WEIGHT LIMITATIONS

Ontario's axle weight legislation, which is based on a bridge formula, allows carriers travelling in this province one of the most generous load limits in North America. Maximum allowable gross weights are calculated based on the number of axles, the distance between axles as well as on front axle weight and base length.

Compliance with Ontario's weight legislation is the responsibility of the carrier and the shipper.

When the reduced load period is in effect no commercial motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated on a designated highway where the weight exceeds 5,000 kilograms. (11,023 pounds) on an axle.

FUEL TAX

Operators of diesel-powered commercial motor vehicles travelling in Ontario require fuel tax registration. Two types of registration are available -- a registration with annual renewal of fuel tax vehicle decals or single trip permits. The type of registration that is most appropriate depends on the number of kilometres travelled annually in Ontario by the operator's fleet. For further information, contact the Ontario Ministry of Revenue, Motor Fuels and Tobacco Tax Branch at (416) 433-6389.

FUEL TAX (CONT'D)

Single trip permits must be purchased prior to entry into Ontario. The cost is based on the numbers of kilometres to be driven inside Ontario. Single trip permits may be purchased through selected facsimile permit service outlets, for example, Com Data Corporation which is an approved issuing agent of the Ontario Ministry of Revenue. Telephone in Canada 1-800-447-3764 or 1-800-527-0665 in the United States.

OPERATING LICENCES

The Truck Transportation Act requires that a person who is transporting another person's goods for compensation on a highway must have an operating licence to do so. There are different operating licences available depending on the type of goods being transported. There are certain goods that may be carried where no operating licence is required; e.g., fresh fruit and fresh vegetables grown in the continental United States or Mexico. For further information on licensing requirements, fees and exemptions, contact the Carrier Licensing Office in Downsview (416) 235-4493 or your local Ministry of Transportation Drivers and Vehicles Office.

Trip permits are available for carriers who do not have the authority to transport goods into, out of or through Ontario and for licensed carriers who also do not have the necessary authority for a particular move. Carriers may be granted a total of three trip permits within one year from the date of the first permit being issued. Cost of a trip permit is \$100.00 and may be purchased at a District Office (See list on pages 12 & 13).

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

A temporary registration permit may be purchased in lieu of registration. However, such a permit is only valid for a period of ten days. The vehicle must still be in a 'fit' status and properly insured.

Vehicles owned by a resident of another province, state or country having a reciprocal agreement with Ontario do not require registration provided the vehicle is not based and operated in Ontario by the owner or by an Ontario resident for more than 30 days in a calendar year or the vehicle is duly registered in another jurisdiction.

ANNUAL VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

Since January 1, 1992, all trucks, truck tractors, trailers, semi-trailers and trailer convertor dollies over 22,000 kilograms (48,500 pounds) must be inspected annually at a Motor Vehicle Inspection Station licensed by the ministry. Provided the vehicle meets Ontario's specified standards, the vehicle(s) will be issued a sticker.

Similarly, buses must be inspected on a semi-annual basis.

Out-of-province vehicles must provide written proof that the vehicle has been inspected and meets the standards of the jurisdiction where the inspection was performed. In Ontario, a CVSA decal is not accepted as proof of inspection.

Ontario's program will be expanded in 1993 and 1994 to include those vehicles over 10,000 kilograms (22,046 pounds) and 4,500 kilograms (9,920 pounds), respectively.

INSURANCE

When a commercial vehicle is stopped by an enforcement officer, the driver must be able to produce a valid insurance certificate for the vehicle(s) being driven.

CABOTAGE

Generally, only Canadian vehicles can make point-to-point deliveries of domestic goods in Canada. For the most part, foreign based non-duty paid vehicles are restricted from making certain point-to-point deliveries of domestic goods in Canada. Such practice is in contravention of the Customs Act (Canada) and is known as Cabotage.

Similarly, it is an offence of the Federal Immigration and Customs legislation for American based trucking companies to operate between points in Canada/Ontario using American drivers and U.S. registered vehicles.

O/O PERMITS

The Ministry issues permits to authorize the movement of heavy vehicles, loads, objects or structures that exceed specified weight and dimensions limitations. However, every effort should be made by carriers to pursue alternative means of transportation before approaching the Ministry for a permit.

O/O PERMITS (CONT'D)

These special permits range from \$25.00 for a single move to \$150.00 for an annual term.

For a list of locations offering oversize/overweight permits, please refer to the list of District Offices on pages 12 and 13.

Various truck stops across Canada and the U.S. provide facsimile service administered by private companies for obtaining single trip permits.

SPEED LIMITS

The speed limit for Ontario's highways is set at 80 kilometres (50 miles) per hour unless otherwise posted.

RESTRICTED LANES

A commercial vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeding 6.5 metres (21 ft 4 in) in length is prohibited from using the left lane of a highway where designated.

ENFORCEMENT

The Ministry's enforcement program consists of on highway and off highway programs.

To facilitate the inspection and weighing of vehicles, there are 47 permanent truck inspection stations and 48 paved pull-off areas strategically located on various highways across the province. In addition to our permanent inspection locations, vehicles used by mobile patrol units are equipped with portable weighing devices.

Off highway enforcement includes facility audits as well as special investigations that, as a last resort, utilizes search warrants to identify carriers and shippers who ignore safety and economic regulations.

Field enforcement efforts are also supported by the active involvement of other agencies that share a mutual interest in safety and economic regulation; i.e., Ontario Provincial and Municipal Police and the Ministries of Revenue, Environment and Consumer and Commercial Relations.

PORTS OF ENTRY

ONTARIO - MANITOBA:

Keewatin - West Hawk Lake

ONTARIO - QUEBEC:

Hwy 10 - Hwy 63
Larder Lake - Virginiatown
New Liskeard - Hwy 46
Thorne - Temiscaming
Ralphton - Rapids des Joachims
Chenault - Portage des Fort
Ottawa - Hull
Hawkesbury - Hwy 8
Hwy 17 - Pointe Fortune
Bainsville - Riviere Beaudette
Pembroke - Ile des Allumettes

ONTARIO - MINNESOTA:

Pigeon River - Pigeon River bridge
Fort Frances - International Falls

ONTARIO - MICHIGAN:

Sarnia - Port Huron
Sault Ste. Marie - Sault Ste. Marie
Windsor - Detroit

ONTARIO - NEW YORK:

Cornwall - Rooseveltown
Fort Erie - Buffalo
Niagara Falls - Niagara Falls
(lower bridge only)
Queenston - Lewiston

PUBLICATIONS:

For detailed information covering specific topics, please refer to the following brochures.

National Safety Code - Truck & Bus
Vehicle Dimensions & Weight Limits in Ontario
Guide to Security of Loads
Commercial Vehicle Operator Registration
Handbook for Competency Testing
Shared Responsibility
Oversize/Overweight Vehicles and Loads In Ontario
Air Brake Manual
Truck & Bus Manual
School Bus Manual

These brochures are available in French and English and may be obtained from any Ministry of Transportation District Office (See listing on pages 12 and 13).

For official copies of Acts and Regulations, please contact:

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5th Floor, 880 Bay Street
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Tel: (416) 326-5300
(800) 668-9938

TRUCKERS' INFO TOLL FREE NUMBER - 1-800-663-8885

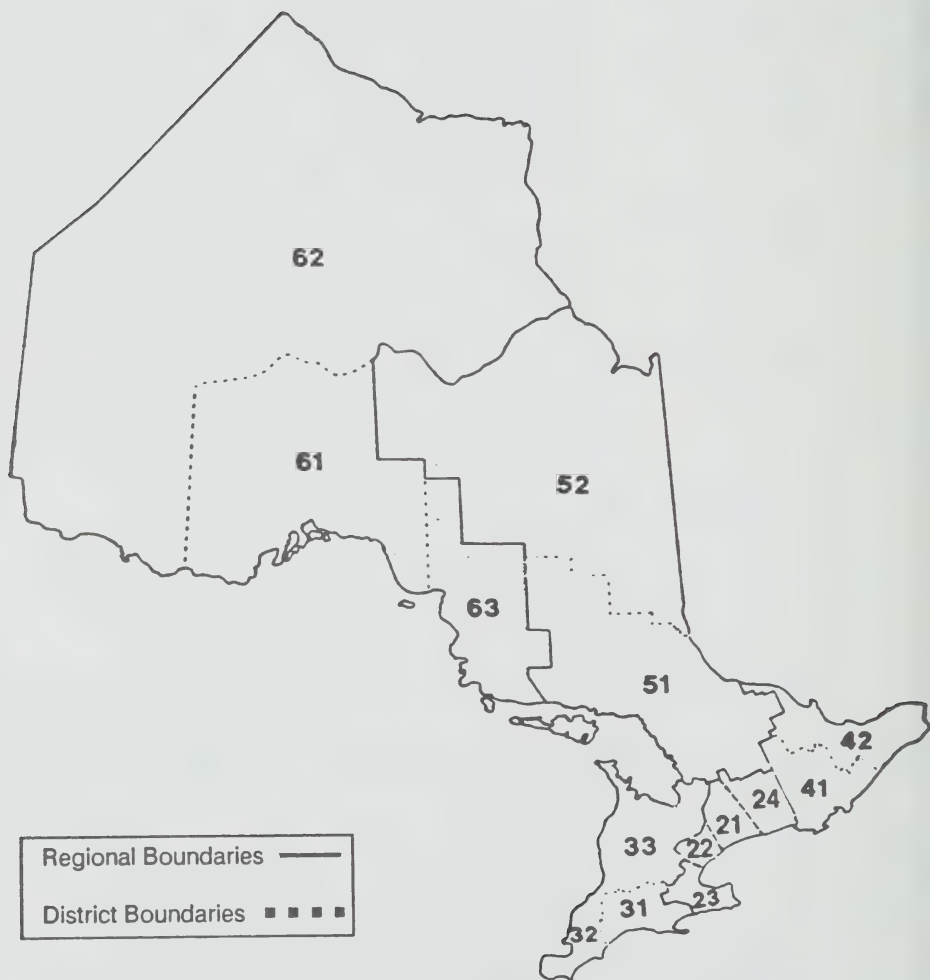
Refer to the map shown on page 14 for the locations of Ministry of Transportation District Offices in Ontario.

<u>DISTRICT OFFICES</u>	<u>TELEPHONE #</u>	<u>FAX #</u>
<u>(62) Kenora</u> 808 Robertson Street P9N 3X9	(807) 468-2774	(807) 468-2784
<u>(41) Kingston</u> 355 Counter Street K7L 5A3	(613) 544-2220	(613) 545-4786
<u>(33) Kitchener</u> 524 Belmont Ave. W. N2M 5E3	(519) 744-1129	(519) 571-6015
<u>(31) London</u> Box 5338, 659 Exeter Road N6A 5H2	(519) 649-3002	(519) 649-3086
<u>(51) North Bay</u> 447 McKeown Ave., Box 303 P1B 8L2	(705) 497-5411	(705) 497-5439
<u>(42) Ottawa</u> 1570 Walkley Road K2V 6P6	(613) 731-8334	(613) 731-1444
<u>(24) Port Hope</u> 138 Hope St. N., Box 150 LIA 3W3	(416) 885-2481	(416) 885-5393

DISTRICT OFFICES**TELEPHONE #****FAX #****(63) Sault Ste. Marie****(705) 945-9395****(705) 945-6851**370 Lake Street
P6B 3L1**((23) Stoney Creek****(416) 561-5926****(416) 578-4603**370 Kenora Ave.
L8E 2W2**(53) Sudbury****(705) 566-1414****(705) 675-4122**762 Lasalle Blvd.,
P3A 4V4**(61) Thunder Bay****(807) 475-4291****(807) 473-2133**Box 1177, 615 S. James St.
P7C 4X9**(52) Timmins****(705) 264-2239****(705) 267-5530**83 Algonquin Blvd. W.
P4N 2R4**(21) Toronto East (North York)****(416) 325-8572****(416) 325-8590**1448 Lawrence Avenue East
Victoria Terrace Plaza
M4A 2V6**(22) Toronto West (Brampton)****(416) 793-4345****(416) 874-4035**7900 Airport Road
L6T 4N8**(32) Windsor****(519) 258-8312****(519) 973-1492**2090 Wyandotte St. E.
N8Y 1E6

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

REGION AND DISTRICT OFFICES



SUPPLY CENTRES AND FOOD SERVICES

For Carriers travelling the highways listed below are services that are available to you.

<u>Hwy</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Oil Company</u>	<u>Restaurant</u>
401	W 3.5 mi. E. Cambridge	Petrocan	McDonald's
401	E 3.5 mi. E. Cambridge	Petrocan	McDonald's
401	W 5.5 mi. W. Woodstock	Esso	Burger King
401	E 4.5 mi. W. Woodstock	Esso	Wendy's/TH
401	W 3.0 mi. W. Dutton	Petrocan	McDonald's
401	E 3.0 mi. W. Dutton	Shell	Wendy's/TH
401	W at Tilbury	Petrocan	T. Horton's
401	E at Tilbury	Shell	KFC/TH
401	W mi. E. Newcastle	Esso	Burger King
401	E 7.0 mi. W. Port Hope	Esso	
401	W 4.0 mi. W. Trenton	Shell	Wendy's/TH
401	E 4.0 mi. W. Trenton	Petrocan	Wendy's/TH
401	W 7.0 mi. E. Napanee	Petrocan	McDonald's
401	E 3.0 mi. E. Odessa	Esso	McDonald's
401	W 1.3 mi. E. Mallorytown	Esso	McDonald's
401	E 2.6 mi. E. Mallorytown	Esso	Wendy's/TH
401	W 2 mi. E. Crysler Park	Esso	KFC/TH
401	E 1 mi. W. Crysler Park	Shell	KFC/TH
401	W at Quebec Border	Shell	Wendy's
400	S 1.5 mi. N. Maple	Esso	Burger King
400	N King City Road	Petrocan	Wendy's/TH
400	S Jct. #89 Cookstown	Petrocan	McDonald's
400	N 1.0 mi. S. Barrie	Petrocan	McDonald's

N Northbound
S Southbound
E Eastbound
W Westbound

TH - Tim Horton's
KFC - Kentucky
Fried Chicken

